

portion is located between the electrodes disposed on the substrate, and electrons are emitted from the emitting portion by applying a voltage across the electrodes. This amendment thereby overcomes the section 112 rejection, and, accordingly, it should be withdrawn.

Applicants also thank the Examiner for his suggestion regarding limiting the claims to production of a surface-conduction-electron-emitting device; however, Applicants believe this amendment not only cures the section 112 problem, but also renders the above limitation unnecessary. There being no art rejections, Applicants respectfully request the case be passed to issue.

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